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## REMARKS

The Office Action mailed Nov. 3rd, 2004 has been received and reviewed. In the Office Action, the examiner stated that: "This application claims the benefit of PCT/EP02/03264 filed 03/22/2003." Applicants respectfully submit that this statement is incorrect. The correct priority is claimed at page one, lines 4-6 of the instant application.

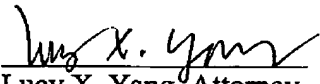
Applicants confirm that applicants elect group I for prosecution without traverse. Applicant further elects the compound in example 3 for the purpose of conducting art searches.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's advisory of rejoinder. The Examiner did not indicate whether group II or group III, or both groups II and III would be rejoinder after group I is allowable. To expedite the prosecution, applicants have amended claims in Group III to depend on the product claims.

Applicants believe that claims 15-24 are in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communications will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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